

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A control element for a device, said control element having a visible surface and comprising a luminescent
5 substance covering at least part of said visible surface.
2. The control element of claim 1, wherein said control element is a push-button or switch.
3. The control element of claim 1, comprising an body of synthetic material containing the luminescent substance as an
10 additive.
4. The control element of claim 3, wherein said synthetic material is a thermoplastic.
5. The control element of claim 4, wherein said luminescent substance is a paint.
- 15 6. The control element of claim 3, wherein said luminescent substance is a paint.
7. The control element of claim 1, comprising a carrier element and a luminescent element containing said luminescent substance and at least partially covering said carrier
20 element.

8. The control element of claim 7, wherein said luminescent element and said carrier element are shaped to interfit with one another.

5 9. The control element of claim 8, wherein said luminescent element has a form of a lid.

10. The control element of claim 9, wherein said luminescent element and said carrier element have corresponding contours and matching recesses for accurate positioning.

10 11. The control element of claim 10, wherein said contours are constituted by pegs.

12. The control element of claim 8, wherein said luminescent element and said carrier element have corresponding contours and matching recesses for accurate positioning.

15 13. The control element of claim 12, wherein said contours are constituted by pegs.

14. The control element of claim 7, wherein carrier element and luminescent element are joined to one another by adhesion.

15. The control element of claim 14, wherein said luminescent
20 element and said carrier element are shaped to interfit with one another.

16. The control element of claim 15, wherein said luminescent element has a form of a lid.

17. The control element of claim 16, wherein said luminescent element and said carrier element have corresponding contours
5 and matching recesses for accurate positioning.

18. The control element of claim 17, wherein said contours are constituted by pegs.

19. The control element of claim 1, wherein said control element has a visible surface provided with at least one
10 symbol that is applied to said surface and covers or neutralizes said luminescent substance.

20. An electric or electronic device comprising at least one control element according to claim 1.